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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 03063.0396-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 John E. EBY et al.) Group Art Unit: 1732
 Application No.: 09/287,631) Examiner: A. Kuhns
 Filed: April 7, 1999) Confirmation No.: 6525
 For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING)
 A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND)
 METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE)
 COVERING HAVING A NATURAL)
 APPEARANCE)

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to May 15, 2004, in response to the Notice of Appeal filed January 15, 2004. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 28, 2004